Sessions Cases.

113. *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of Sessions Cases tried in each of the Sessions Courts in the State from Edavom 1113 to Meenam 1114 ;

(*b*) the number of cases convicted ; and

(*c*) the number of cases acquitted in each of the Courts ?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Legal Remembrancer*) : (*a*) (*b*) and (*c*). *A statement giving the required details is laid on the table.

Board of conciliation of labour disputes.

114. *MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) when the Board of Conciliation of Labour Disputes in the Mats and Matting Industry was started ; and

(*b*) when the Board is expected to complete its work and submit its report.

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : (*a*) On the 20th December 1938.

(*b*) By the 15th July 1939.

Constitution of a Labour Department in the State.

115. *MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any steps, and if so what for the constitution of a Labour Department in the State ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : The matter is under the consideration of Government.

Thottappalli Bridge.

116. * MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have enquired into the case of the collapse of the Thottappally Bridge ;

(*b*) what was the cause of the collapse of the bridge ; and

(*c*) whether the collapse has caused any loss of human life ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Two boats supporting one end of the bridge suddenly gave way due to some unknown reason.

(*c*) No.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP : May I know from the member whether it was not due to the rottenness of a plank at the bottom of the boat that the bridge collapsed ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : That is perfectly right.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP : Then, may I know why it has been stated in answer to (*b*) that the bridge suddenly gave way due to some unknown reason ?

Vide Appendix IV.

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